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GERMANS DRAWING CLOSER TO VERDUN

Village of Forges, Nine Miles Northwest of Verdun, Taken by Teutonic Infantry Attacks

FAILED IN ATTEMPT TO DEBOUCH FROM VILLAGE

Near Maisons de Champagne the Germans Have Succeeded in Occupying a Small Section of a French Trench—In the Argonne the French Blew Up a German Post With a Mine and Captured a Portion of the Crater—The Russians, Under Cover of Their Fleet, Have Made a Landing on the Black Sea Coast Near Trebizond—Considerable Fighting Has Taken Place in Northwest Russia Between the Russians and Germans.

Further advances by the Germans in the Verdun region and in Champagne are told in the latest French official communication, which, however, also records successes in repelling a German attempt to debouch further from a captured position, the driving of the Teutons out of a trench they had taken and the hammering with their big guns of German organizations.

Germans Capture Forges.
After having vigorously shelled the region between Bethincourt and the Meuse, the Germans in a strong infantry attack captured the village of Forges, about nine miles northwest of Verdun. Not satisfied with the gain, they several times essayed to debouch from the village against the Cote de l'Or, but the French in counter-attacks forced them back to the village and held them there.

In Champagne the right and left flanks of the French were attacked by the Germans in the region between Mont Tenu and Maisons de Champagne. At the former point the French kept the Germans to their trenches, but near Maisons de Champagne they succeeded in occupying a small section of a French trench.

French Blow Up German Post.
In the Argonne the French blew up near Courtes Chaussees a German post with a mine and captured a portion of the crater. Near Haut-Chaucheux the Germans sprung two mines and later entered the French trenches at several points. Counter-attacks, how-

ever, drove them out and the French also occupied a portion of the mine crater.

Except for the infantry attacks at Forges, the fighting on both sides in the Verdun region have been doing all the work. Southwest of Metz, near Pont-a-Mousson, the French artillery has heavily damaged German positions.

Russians Land on Black Sea Coast.
The Russians under cover of the fire of their fleet at last have been able to make a landing on the Black Sea coast east of Trebizond, capturing the towns of Atina and Marmara and driving off the Turks who opposed them. Two officers and 280 men were made prisoners and two guns and a quantity of munitions were captured.

Considerable fighting between the Russians and the Germans has taken place in northwest Russia, the Russian artillery smashing German trenches in the Rusa sector and dispersing scouting parties in the vicinity of Friedrichstadt. Owing to the heavy rains and avalanches, fighting has almost ceased on the Austro-Italian front.

Berlin reports that in the Zeppelin raid over England Sunday night the Zeppelins were shot down by the British. All the German aircraft returned safely. British official reports say that Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Huntingdon, Essex and Kent counties were visited. Three men, four women and five children were killed by the bombs dropped and 33 other persons were injured.

GERMAN AIR RAID ON ENGLAND DURING SNOWSTORM

Three Zeppelins Caused 45 Casualties Sunday Night.

London, March 7, 1:42 a. m.—The three German air raiders caused 45 casualties Sunday night, according to reports received up to midnight. The three Zeppelins separated on their arrival on the English coast and wandered about over eight counties, but virtually all the damage was done in one Yorkshire town.

Reports from other parts of the raided territory speak of the Zeppelins remaining stationary at comparatively low altitudes. All three of them seemed to have been downed, owing to the bad weather conditions.

At a town on the southern coast a Zeppelin was observed hastening home-ward with its nose down as if disabled severely. The German official report says that all the raiders returned safely. Sunday's raid proved two things to the British public—first, that snowstorms are no hindrance to the German air force, and second that the public warnings which are given in advance to most of the districts visited do not lead to panic, but probably lessen the casualties. The snow was falling heavily when the raiders arrived, but some experts believe that they flew above the snow clouds during the greater part of their visit.

One airship passed over the county of Cambridgeshire a half hour after midnight, but no bombs were dropped. A correspondent in Kent telegraphed that only one Zeppelin visited the Kentish coast, approaching direct from the sea. The pilot, evidently, had no accurate idea of his whereabouts, for only three bombs were dropped. All the bombs fell in a marsh.

ANNUAL MEETING CONN. COUNCIL OF ORGANISTS.

Feature Was Recital by Clifford Demarest of New York.

Meriden, Conn., March 6.—A feature of the annual meeting of the Connecticut Council of Organists held in this city today was an organ recital by Clifford Demarest, organist of the Church of the Messiah, New York city. At the business meeting the following officers were elected: President, Alvin C. Bruel, Bridgeport; vice president, Prof. Karl P. Harrington, Westleyan college, Middletown; treasurer, Howard E. Brewer, Hartford; secretary, Miss Elsie Dresser, Hartford; chairman of membership committee, Frederick F. Harmon, New Britain.

The next meeting of the council will be held at the Awlman Hill Congregational church, Hartford, in June.

AMERICAN CONSULATE STRUCK BY A SHELL

During Bombardment of Trebizond, a Turkish Port, by the Russians.

Washington, March 6.—The American consulate at Trebizond, a Turkish port of the Black sea, was struck by a shell during a bombardment by Russian torpedoes on March 1st and a Persian subject was killed within 20 feet of the desk of Consul Oscar S. Heizer. Another shell struck the residence of the vice consul adjoining.

Teddy Taking a Rest.
Bang! Bang! Whoo! Wow! Zowie! Colonel Roosevelt is preparing to take a little repose.—Chicago News.

PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY IN INDIANA TODAY.

Candidates For Higher Offices Have Conducted Heated Campaign.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 6.—Numerous meetings conducted tonight by the candidates for the higher offices closed one of the most heated campaigns in the history of Hoosier politics and the voters will express their preferences in the first state-wide preferential primary to be held in Indiana. The first of the candidates for 1916 presidential primaries in which candidates for the nomination for president will be voted upon.

Although President Wilson is without opposition for renomination on the democratic ticket and former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks is the only candidate for the republican nomination on the Indiana ballot, much interest throughout the country is being attached to the vote. As the ballots are very long and the voters are expected to express their first and second choice for each office it will be late before anything like definite returns can be had and it may be two or three days before the outcome of some of the contests will be made known.

BROKER LYMAN'S CASE BEFORE GRAND JURY.

Murray B. Leet of Wallingford One of the Complainants.

New York, March 6.—John Grant Lyman, who fled from this city after the exposure of a stock swindle which he was alleged to have perpetrated and later was arrested in Florida, was accused today in a supplemental indictment returned by the federal grand jury of "swindling various persons throughout the United States of large sums of money." Since being returned here from Florida, Lyman has been held in custody in the department of \$100,000 bail on a charge of illegally using the mails.

Complainants mentioned in the new indictment include Murray B. Leet, Wallingford, Conn.; R. J. Handy, Baltimore; L. A. Wells, Erie, Pa.; and H. P. Foster, Jr., Knoxville, Tenn., who alleged that Lyman induced them to send him money in the belief that he intended to use it to purchase stocks. Some of them also sent him collateral securities on promises to return them according to the indictment and he disposed of these without their consent.

Movements of Steamships.

Gibraltar, March 2.—Sailed, steamer Regina d'Italia, from New York, Genoa.

Falmouth, March 6.—Sailed, steamer Noordam, New York.

Willing to Be Coaxed.
Justice Hughes again and emphatically lets it be known that he is out of politics and does not want the republican nomination "unless."—Chicago News.

Cabled Paragraphs

English Naval Depot Bombaraded.
Berlin, March 6. (By wireless to St. Louis.)—The German navy announced today that during last night's raid over England the naval depot at Hull was bombarded, the explosions being observed to be effective.

ARMED SHIP MATTER DEBATED IN HOUSE

Now Seems to Be Taking on a Partisan Alignment.

Washington, March 6.—On the eve of what friends of the administration have planned as the final fight to end agitation in the house over the question of armed merchant ships, debate on the subject broke out in the house late today and continued hotly for more than an hour. When it was over there seemed to be more of a partisan alignment than at any time since the issue arose.

Representative Mann of Illinois, the republican leader, and Representative Dwyer of Wisconsin, republican member of the committee, gave notice that they would oppose tomorrow the rule under which it is proposed to table the McElmore warning resolution after ninety minutes of debate on the rule and four hours' discussion of the resolution itself.

On the other hand, Chairman Flood of the foreign affairs committee, who has been understood previously to favor a warning resolution, voiced an appeal to call the congressmen to stand by the president.

Realizing the task ahead of them, the administration whips sent out calls to all absent democrats to return to hurry to Washington in time for the vote tomorrow. The president's supporters believe that a large majority of democrats will stand for the rule and that the republicans will stand together to put through the rule and kill the McElmore resolution. There will be formidable opposition to the rule, however, and the influence of William Jennings Bryan is being taken into account to be dealt with.

CLERGYMAN PROTESTS

BRANDEIS' NOMINATION Because of Statements Made When He Represented Brewers' Association.

Washington, March 6.—Rev. James Cannon, Jr., of Virginia, chairman of the legislative committee of the Anti-Slavery League of America, protested against nomination of Louis D. Brandeis' nomination to the supreme court today before the senate investigating committee, because of statements made by Mr. Brandeis in 1891, when he was counsel for the Protective Liquor Dealers' association and the New England Brewers' association, before the Massachusetts legislature.

Senator Chilton suggested that this incident occurred 25 years ago and that there was quite a difference between the attitude of the brewers and liquor interests then and today. Dr. Cannon insisted, however, that Mr. Brandeis' public utterances had failed to show any change in his position. He said the objection was not based so much on the fact that Mr. Brandeis appeared for the liquor interests and opposed pending legislation, but on the sweeping statement he made about the liquor traffic in his arguments. Particular attention was directed to certain quoted statements of one of them to the effect that liquor dealing was not wrong.

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STREET TRAFFIC SERIOUSLY INTERRUPTED BY STORM.

Steamship Movements Were Also Impeded Around New York.

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REPUBLICAN MAYORALTY CANDIDATES WIN IN MAINE

In Seven Out of the Ten City Elections Held Yesterday.

Portland, Me., March 6.—Republican mayoralty candidates were successful in seven out of the ten city elections held in Maine today. Colonel Frederick E. Boothby, former republican mayor of Portland, was elected mayor of Waterville, his present home, by a margin of only two votes over his democratic opponent. There will be a recount. Other republican mayors elected were Henry R. Porter at Auburn, Fred T. Eldridge at Eastport, Alexander C. Hagerty at Ellsworth, John M. Robinson at Hallowell, James W. Henderson at Saco and Charles E. West at South Portland. The successful democratic candidates are John A. Small at Bath, Louis J. Brann at Lewiston and Frank C. Flint at Rockland.

REFUSED TO HONOR AN AMERICAN PASSPORT

Michael J. O'Connor Not Permitted to Land at Liverpool.

New York, March 6.—Michael J. O'Connor, owner of the estate of the late Lord Leitrim in Ireland, who says that in October last, although provided with an American passport, he was not permitted to land at Liverpool, brought suit today in the federal district court here for \$100,000 damages against Philip A. S. Franklin, his counsel along the German frontier, is about to be demobilized, according to a dispatch to the Temps from Zurich.

FIFTH DIVISION OF SWISS ABOUT TO BE DEMOBILIZED

German Infringement of Neutrality No Longer Considered Possible.

Paris, March 6, 4:45 p. m.—The fifth division of the Swiss army, on duty along the German frontier, is about to be demobilized, according to a dispatch to the Temps from Zurich. This is considered a serious sign, adds the Temps, principally because no longer considers a German infringement of its neutrality possible.

Britain has lent its Allies \$854,500, and is letting them have all the fighting they want.—Indianapolis Star.

Nine Prisoners Burned to Death

SOLUTION TO EXTERMINATE VERMIN EXPLODED

IN EL PASO CITY JAIL

Forty Others Were Seriously Injured—Agonizing Cries of Victims Heard by a Great Crowd Outside the Jail.

El Paso, Tex., March 6.—Nine prisoners were burned to death and probably 40 others were seriously injured, many fatally, when fire, starting from large tubs containing a solution of gasoline and kerosene, used to exterminate vermin, exploded in the city jail today. Many of the victims were thoroughly saturated with the solution when the flames enveloped them, and their cries of agony were heard by a great crowd which had assembled outside of the jail.

In their first reports last officials attributed the origin of the fire to the delirious cries of a prisoner who had lit a lighted match into one of the tubs containing the explosive fluid.

Surrounding the bath quarters are rows of cells, and it was in these that most of the fatalities occurred. Locked in the prisoners were unable to escape the blinding sheet of flame. Those who were rescued were found insensible and terrible burns.

Unlabeled Sheet of Flame.

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The robbery of the escape. According to Chief of Police Maher, the description of the man that Orr gave tallies closely with that of the robber who earlier in the day held up a freight train on the Berkshire division of the New Haven road and it is thought he stole a ride, taking him far away from the scene in a few minutes.

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Bold Hold-Up Man At Work in State

BRIDGEPORT TROLLEY CONDUCTOR OR ONE OF THE VICTIMS

CONDUCTOR WAS SHOT

When He Tried to Wrest Revolver From Robber—Clerk in a Store in New Haven Held Up Earlier in Day.

Devon, Conn., March 6.—J. F. Orr, a Bridgeport trolley conductor, was shot but not seriously wounded, by an unknown highwayman who had robbed him of his small change at the east end of the Washington bridge near here late today.

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Condensed Telegrams

General Carranza will visit Mexico City before March 18.

German railroad men contributed \$375,000 to the war fund.

Turkey is considering a proposal to prohibit all exports of tobacco.

German and Austrian railroads are employing women as freight handlers.

Gen. Charles H. Noble, U. S. A., retired, died at his home at Indianapolis of heart disease.

Cardinal Mercier has returned to Malines, Belgium, from Rome, where he visited Pope Benedict.

Nine strikes of machinists which have been in progress at Hartford for many months were settled.

Masuji Miyakawa, the first Japanese lawyer ever admitted to the American bar died in Los Angeles, Cal.

A report from Rome states that subscriptions to the third Italian war loan are expected to total 4,000,000,000 lire.

The Peruvian government has contracted for the purchase in New York of 145,000 ounces of silver for coinage.

A warning against embarking on armed merchantmen has been issued to Swedish citizens by their government.

The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Kansas City, from Aug. 29 to Sept. 1.

A trainload of 250,000 tons of sugar from Hawaii, valued at \$25,000,000 and consigned to New York, passed through Chicago.

Joseph Marshall of Bridgeport, a negro, accused of murder, claims he shot to frighten, not to kill, Peter Dias, the man killed.

Austrian churches with copper roofs are donating the copper to the Government for use in the manufacture of war munitions.

Six seamen working in the hold of the destroyer Preble at San Diego, Cal., were badly injured by the explosion of a can of gasoline.

Two persons were killed and eight injured when a South Dakota Central train plunged through a bridge near Waterville, S. D.

President Wilson received a letter containing 60 cents from a man in Georgia, who asked the President to get him a divorce.

The Carranza government has returned to the heirs of Porfirio Diaz the house in Mexico City used by him as a winter residence.

William F. Kelley, American consul at Honolulu, was found dead in the consulate there. He is thought to have died of heart disease.

Four Germans and two Spaniards have been deported from Mexico for inciting trouble among the workers in the oil fields at Tampico.

About 37,800 gallons of gasoline aboard a barge in the Hudson river were destroyed by a spectacular fire that wrecked the barge.

The Austrian Government has issued an appeal for dogs suitable for ambulance service for use as army watch dogs in the trenches.

The Brazilian steamship Sergine was in collision with an unidentified steamer off Sandy Hook. Neither vessel was badly damaged.

John C. Grady, for 25 years a member of the state senate of Pennsylvania, died at Philadelphia, aged 68. He was the author of several laws.

Henry P. Fletcher, retiring Ambassador to Chile, who has been appointed Ambassador to Mexico, will sail from Valparaiso on the steamship Huasco.

Queen Sophie of Greece has consulted with Dr. Edward W. Ryan of the American Red Cross regarding the establishment of a Red Cross clinic in Athens.

A bill providing for the confiscation of property of persons who have evaded military duty with the French army was introduced in the Chamber of Deputies.

The Duke of Rohan, a member of the French Chamber of Deputies, and captain of cavalry, was twice wounded in the fighting at Douaumont. His condition is not serious.

An explosion caused by the accidental dropping of a case of hand grenades caused the death of 30 persons and serious damage to the fort called "Double Cox Couronne," near St. Denis, France.

The police of Shanghai, China, discovered five cases of artillery ammunition at the bottom of a well in the garden of a German, who is said to have planned to ship the ammunition to India.

Ohio C. Barber, match manufacturer of Cleveland, Ohio, confirmed reports that he would present his \$200,000 model farm at Wapakoneta, Ohio, to the Western Reserve University for an agricultural college.

A decree for the sale of the Western Pacific Railway was asked yesterday in the U. S. district court at San Francisco in a stipulation filed by the Equitable Trust company of New York and other parties to the Western Pacific receivership.

Pass the Leather Medals.
Colonel Roosevelt's admission that he has read 700 suffrage books and pamphlets is another reminder that there are heroes in peace as well as in war.—Springfield Union.

Opposing Carranza.
No wonder the interventionists want to make war on Carranza. He has spoiled the whole intervention game.—Charleston News and Courier.